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Two Indicted in Indian Health Service Prescription Drug Case

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on October 28, 2010, **Timothy J. Davis Jr.**, and **Candace M. Keplin, a/k/a Candace M. McCauley**, formerly of Belcourt, North Dakota, appeared in United States District Court before Magistrate Judge Charles S. Miller, Jr., on charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute hydrocodone and acquisition of a controlled substance by misrepresentation from an Indian Health Service.

The statutory maximum sentence for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute hydrocodone is 10 years in federal prison and a \$500,000 fine. The statutory maximum sentence for acquisition of a controlled substance by misrepresentation is four years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Purdon stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS/OIG).

A trial date has not been set.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse Russell is prosecuting the case.

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